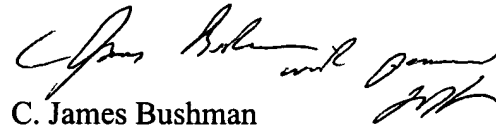


REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In view of the foregoing amendments, it is respectfully submitted that all claims are in condition for allowance, which is hereby earnestly solicited and respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



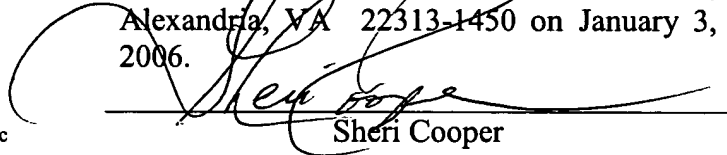
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